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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the expert group on land administration and management, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/15th-session>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the work and progress of the expert group, including efforts to advocate, raise awareness of and promote the integration of terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains and the implementation of the Framework for Effective Land Administration and geospatial domain integration.

Summary of the report

At its fourteenth session, held from 7 to 9 August 2024, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 14/110, in which it welcomed the continuing focus on communicating, promoting and raising awareness of the merits and benefits of effective land administration, acknowledged the importance of addressing the integration of the terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains and understanding the complexities of the land-sea interface, and in that regard expressed appreciation for the ongoing collaborative efforts of the expert group with regional committees and functional groups of the Committee together with relevant international and regional partners and organizations.

The Committee of Experts reiterated that the Framework for Effective Land Administration was an important element of the Committee's work that provided guidance to Member States in developing, reforming, strengthening and modernizing effective and efficient land administration systems. The Committee welcomed the

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implementation of the Framework by Member States in accordance with national circumstances.

The Committee noted the proposed considerations and preparations for a paper addressing the integration of terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains, and requested the expert group to consider and include land registration, the use of new technologies and innovation, and to engage Member States and relevant stakeholders on use cases and lessons learned in the proposed paper.

The Committee of Experts commended the expert group for its collaborative approach and requested the deepening of engagement and collaboration with the regional committees, functional groups, thematic networks and other relevant international organizations and stakeholders in its efforts and activities and to include the views and perspectives of Indigenous communities.

In the report, the expert group provides information on its activities, including the organization of virtual and in-person meetings to engage its members and advance its workplan. The expert group also highlights its collaboration with the regional committees, functional groups, thematic networks and international organizations of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management. Of particular note were partnerships with the United Nations global geospatial centres, the working group on marine geospatial information, the International Federation of Surveyors and EuroSDR on, and joint contributions towards, promoting the Framework for Effective Land Administration and assisting Member States in their efforts to develop and modernize land administration systems.

The report contains a summary of progress made on the integration of terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains, which includes the development, in collaboration with the working group on marine geospatial information, of a comprehensive guide designed: (a) to demonstrate to policymakers the value of geospatial information for sustainable development; (b) to provide technical experts with strategies aligned with the nine strategic pathways of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework; and (c) to promote innovative approaches for Member States and the geospatial community. To support the development and ensure the relevance of the guide, the expert group invited Member States to complete a questionnaire in order to collect experiences, identify challenges and good practices and analyse how the Framework's strategic pathways support integration.

The report provides a summary of the international workshop entitled "Joining land and sea", held in December 2024 in Bogor, Indonesia, which brought together experts to support Member States in addressing the technical and governance complexities of integrating terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains. The report also provides an overview of the expert group's activities to promote and implement the Framework for Effective Land Administration, with a particular focus on priority regions, including Africa, Latin America and the Arab States.
